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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley California

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#### **GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: 77 days – December 26, 2022, through June 11, 2023,  
Friday through Sunday.

Entries: 48 to 168 hours in advance

Scratch Times: 10:00 a.m. race day

Post Times: To be determined.

Wagering Offered: Win, Place and Show; Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Rolling Super High Five,  
Rolling Double, Pick 2, Pick 4, Pick 5 & Pick 6.

Northern California Satellite Facilities:  
Fresno, Fresno Club One, Monterey, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Mateo,  
Santa Rosa, Stockton, San Jose, and Vallejo.

**WEDNESDAY**12/21/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** was present to oversee entries for December 26, 2022. There were ninety five entries for the eleven race card.

12/22/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** handled changes for opening day.

**FRIDAY**12/23/22<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** joined the panel review board for opening day entries.

**MONDAY**12/26/22<sup>1</sup>**STEWARD CHANGE**

Steward **Will Meyers** is off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** is the replacement.

12/26/22<sup>2</sup>**VETERINARIAN CHANGE**

**Dr. Dianne Isabell** will fill in for **Forrest Franklin DVM** who is off for personal reasons.

12/26/22<sup>3</sup>**ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/11/22<sup>3</sup>)**

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Steward's office to review his ride aboard #8 **Holyjazz** who finished fifth in the first race on Sunday December 11, 2022. In this six (6) furlong main track event #8 **Holyjazz** floats in rapidly from this outside position in the starting gate. Eventual first place finisher #5 **Trabieco Avelito** feels pressured and shys from this rival and drifts in making contact with second place finisher #1 **Indianera (Cristobal Herrera)** forcing this horse and jockey to steady. Jockey **Espinoza** agreed with the Stewards assessment that he floated in too quickly and intimidated #5 **Trabieco Avelito**. In a unanimous decision Jockey **Espinoza** was issued a warning for this effort.

12/26/22<sup>4</sup>**EPIFANIO GARCIA FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/11/22<sup>3</sup>)**

The same race that is memorialized above was shown to Jockey **Epifanio Garcia**. He rode the first place finisher #5 **Trabieco Avelito** who shies from the actions of the fifth place finisher #8 **Holyjazz** in the first race on December 11, 2022. Jockey **Garcia's** ride was not penalty worthy as this informal hearing hopefully was a learning experience.

12/26/22<sup>5</sup>**GOOD RACING**

Today's eleven (11) race card went well, as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

12/26/22<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declarations #1 **Devine Dancing** (Tr. **D. Franko**)

Owner not Licensed

Refund \$302.21

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **Connie's F. Duran** for **J. Couton** – travel issues

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #8 **Hunter's Ghost** (Tr. **S. Perez**) claimed, **D.W. Baker**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #4 **Emerald Magic I. Orozco** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Armour Plate** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) claimed, **J. Gilmour**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey change #5 **Tiz Vicious William Antongeorgi** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #9 **Patsy Montana** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) claimed, **J. Ramos**, trainer

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #1 **Purple Night A. Ayuso** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #7 **You Kidding Me S. Amador** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #4 **Tigerad I. Orozco** for **J. Couton** – travel issues

7<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #5 **The Sandy Surprise F. Alvarado** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 **Irrefutable S. Rivera** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

8<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #4 **Took Charge F. Alvarado** for **J. Couton** – travel issues

9<sup>TH</sup> Race #5 **Cat Gamer** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) claimed, **E. Moger**, trainer – **VOID LAME**

9<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #7 **Bett on Blaze** (Tr. M. Meier)

Sick – **Dr. Karen Hassan DVM**

Refund \$267.02

9<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #8 **Ski Dinski F. Alvarado** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

10<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #8 **Lmlooknformischief William Antongoergi** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

11<sup>TH</sup> Race Declarations #3 **Standford Miss** (Tr. **J. Bautista**)

Full Field – Stewards

11<sup>TH</sup> Race #9 **Jackie Sermon** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**)

Sick – **Dr. Karen Hassan DVM**

Refund Total \$480.69

11<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 **Amazing Flyer A. Ayuso** for **K. Radke** – travel issues

11<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #11 **Natalia F. Duran** for **J. Couton** – travel issues

12/26/22<sup>7</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	831	\$363,860.05
Out of state	n/a	\$2,745,835.09
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$545,386.93
Total	2,000	\$4,284,450.55

WEDNESDAY

12/28/22<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Dennis Nevins** was in the office to handle changes for Friday December 30, 2022 and oversee the entries for December 31, 2022.

THURSDAY

12/29/22<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty to take care of changed for Saturday December 31, 2022 and oversee the entries for Sunday January 1, 2023.

FRIDAY

12/30/22<sup>1</sup>

#### **FRANKO RULING**

##### **Ruling # 1**

Trainer **DANIEL FRANKO**, who was scheduled to start **DEVINE DANCING** in the second race on December 26, 2022, at Golden Gate Fields, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration-Owner not licensed).

12/30/22<sup>2</sup>

#### **TOTE BOARD TIMER MALFUNCTION**

The timer on the tote board failed to work for the first four races. Pegasus Director **Frank Matthews** was contacted and he found the problem and fixed it.

12/30/22<sup>3</sup>

#7 **River Avenue** got loose while being loaded and trotted away from the gate. #7 playfully avoided capture by the outriders which caused a ten minute delay. #7 was eventually captured and examined by Track Veterinarian **Casille Batten** who gave the ok to run.

12/30/22<sup>4</sup>

**PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #6 **Causeway Girl** – Tr. **Quentin Miller**

Unsound post parade – **Dr. Batten DVM**

Refund \$ 3,028.63

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #5 **Taltariate** – **Andy Mathis**

Sick – **Dr. Hassan DVM**

Refund \$ 187.39

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #7 **Iconic Sky** – Tr. **Andy Mathis**

Unsound post parade – **Dr. Batten**

Refund \$ 28,516.22

12/30/22<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	364	\$178,249.26
Out of state	n/a	\$1,501,924.06
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$268,318.71
Total	1,203	\$2,390,481.12

SATURDAY

12/31/22<sup>1</sup>

**RACING CANCELED**

Rain storms pelted the Bay Area causing flooding and possible dangerous situations. Steward **Dennis Nevin** braved the storms and handled any matters that came up in the office.

SUNDAY

1/1/23<sup>1</sup>

**NEW YEARS DAY – RACING CANCELED**

The racing surface needed extensive work so racing was canceled once again. Steward **Nevin** again came in to handle entries for Friday.

1/1/23<sup>2</sup>

**AYUSO RULING**

**Ruling #2**

Jockey **ARMANDO AYUSO** is fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations - Failure to Appear) on December 26, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. **Ayuso** appeared and apologized for failing to appear as ordered December 26.

MONDAY

1/2/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY OFF**

Jockey **Irving Orozco** called in sick. Replaced as follows: 3<sup>RD</sup> **William Antongeorgi III**, 8<sup>TH</sup> **William Antongeorgi III**, 9<sup>TH</sup> **William Antongeorgi III**.

1/2/23<sup>2</sup>

**PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #1 **Tacoma Sound** - Tr. **Reid France**

Sick – **Dr. Batten**

Refund- See Below

#3 **Northern Jewel** – Tr. **Jonathan Wong**

Track Condition – **Stewards**

Refund \$ 92.50

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Starship Endeavor** – Tr. **Jonathan Wong**

Track Condition – **Stewards**

Refund \$ 693.01

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #5 **Kit Kat Man** – Tr. **Jonathan Wong**

Track Condition – **Stewards**

Refund \$ 360.79  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Zero Bucks Given** – Tr. **Jamey Thomas**  
 Sick – **Dr. Batten**  
 Refund See Below  
 #7 **Bernie's Big Boy** – Tr. **Quentin Miller**  
 Track Condition – **Stewards**  
 Refunds \$398.69  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **East Rand** – Tr. **Leonard Powell**  
 Sick – **Dr. Hassan**  
 Refund See Below  
 #4 **Oh Great (IRE)** – Tr. **Leobardo Rivera**  
 Track Condition – **Stewards**  
 Refunds \$ 756.88  
 9<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Harbor Sky** – Tr. **Ed Moger, Jr.**  
 Re-Enter – **Stewards**  
 Refund \$ 244.46

1/2/23<sup>4</sup>

### **NO PHOTO – RACE 9**

Photo finish operator **Susan Tanner** reported that the main camera did not function and no photo was available. She did however get a photo in the backup camera. The photo generated by the backup camera was a complete blurr and completely useless.

The Stewards and Placing Judges reviewed the video and the finish as they called it. The first four finishers were clear 8-7-5-10. Fifth place was too close to call without the photo finish and a unanimous vote #'s 3 and 4 were made a dead heat.

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1/2/23<sup>5</sup>

### **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	338	\$186,061.58
Out of state	n/a	\$1,506,184.09
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$422,480.95
Total	1,117	\$2,457,440.33

### **SUMMARY**

	Mon 12/26	Fri 12/30	Mon 1/2	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	3	3	8	14	14
<b>Disqualificati</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Refunds</b>	3	3	9	15	15
<b>Rulings</b>	0	1	1	2	2
<b>Voided</b>	1	0	0	1	1

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
26-Dec	9	7	Bett on Blaze	M. Meier	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$262.02
26-Dec	11	11	Jackie Sermon	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$480.69
30-Dec	4	5	Taltariate	A. Mathis	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$187.39
2-Jan	1	1	Tacoma Sound	R. France	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Below
2-Jan	1	3	Northern Jewel	J. Wong	Track Condition	Stewards	\$1,297.48
2-Jan	4	6	Starship Endeavor	J. Wong	Track Condition	Stewards	\$693.01
2-Jan	5	5	Kit Kat Man	J. Wong	Track Condition	Stewards	\$360.79
2-Jan	7	4	Zero Bucks Given	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Batten	See Below
2-Jan	7	7	Bernie's Big Boy	Q. Miller	Track Condition	Stewards	\$398.69
2-Jan	8	3	East Rand	L. Powell	Sick	Dr. Hassan	See Below
2-Jan	8	4	Oh Great (IRE)	L. Rivera	Track Condition	Stewards	\$756.88
2-Jan	9	1	Harbor Sky	E. Moger Jr.	Track Condition	Stewards	\$244.46

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward